

## MEXICO.

## PROGRESS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

From the *Revista*, Mexico, March 13.

The steamship *Tenacoste*, from Vera Cruz on the 5th inst., reached her wharf at an early hour last evening, having crossed the bar at 7 o'clock in the morning.

The political news is two weeks later, and of great importance, as showing the general success of the Liberal army, both on the Gulf and Pacific slopes, and the probability is that party will yet not only sustain itself, but in due season triumphantly.

The *Tenacoste* left at Vera Cruz on the 5th inst. for the American bark *Wildfire*; also, a French bark waiting for the *Wildfire*.

Arrived the evening of the 7th, the American schooner *Katrina* and Virginia *Antioch*, from New Orleans.

The U. S. raze *Veracruz* has been handsomely rewarded by the Convention.

The other vessels of war before reported were still at Veracruz.

The British mail steamer *Express*, which should have come on the 10th inst., did not arrive when she sailed, though detained by a northern 24 hours after her usual time. It is, perhaps, fallen again into the hands of Miramon.

The *Express* mail from the city of Mexico, for the 22d of last month, arrived at New York on the 10th inst. It brought the news of the following State Affairs:

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## RAILROADS IN TEXAS.

In Assembly, March 16, 1859.

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## PERSONAL.

—Gen. Sam Houston says that he intends spending the remainder of his life in privacy, peace and quiet, among the sheep on his ranch in Texas, having quite enough to do with the "ghosts and wolves" at Washington.

—Ex-President Pierce takes the pains to write to the Boston Post that "under no possible circumstances can he be consent to the use of his name as a 'maneuver calculated to disturb the tranquil pursuit of a private citizen'."

—The *Anderson Central* mentions a negro man in that town who is 120 years old. He was at the battle of Guilford Court-House, and has a vivid recollection of the scenes of that day. He is a hale old man.

—Mr. Bernard Dougherty, the constable who tarred Mr. Tanner, the colored man, out of Mrs. Kemble's reading at Pittsburgh, has brought an action against the *Pittsburgh Dispatch* for some strictures made in that paper on that incident.

—The *Harrisburg correspondent* of the *Philadelphia News* says that the Committee on the Fry Divorce case cannot agree upon the form of report, and that the bill, therefore, still remains in their hands. He adds that when it does come into the House, it will be defeated, for no member having the least regard for his reputation will vote for it.

—The *Washington Star* mysteriously says, that the report that a distinguished Captain was about to be Court-Martialed is unfounded. The officer referred to has recently held a high position in the Brazilian squadron.

—The body of a gentleman—indigenous—was washed ashore a short time since from the Mississippi. His pockets were found: "One dining pistol; one bow-knife; one speech of Jefferson Davis; one speech of Senator Sumner; one copy of the *Mississippi*, edited by Harkness; three copies of the President's Lecompton Message; a photographic representation of an alligator devouring an eagle—supposed to be the province of Mississippi in the act of exterminating the 'state and stripes'."

## POLITICAL.

—The *Philadelphia Press* of yesterday publishes a call for a State Convention to meet at Harrisburg on the 12th of April, "to consult upon the propriety of adopting measures to vindicate the name, fame and principles of the Democratic party."

—"This," says the *Press*, "is but the beginning of a movement that must become irresistible."

—Either the Democratic party must come to the principle that to the people of the Territories belongs the exclusive right of managing their own affairs, or there is to be no national Democratic organization. And while there is no entertained purpose on the part of the Democrats who will meet at Harrisburg, to resist the encroachments of Federal power, to attack the constitutional guarantees of the South, yet this is the time to indicate, and Harrisburg the place to proclaim, that the attempt to turn the Democratic party into a machine, for the purpose of invoking Congressional intervention to protect slavery in the Territories, is in violation of the popular will, will be sternly and inexorably resisted.

—Prompted by no selfish purposes, inspired by no sectional designs, and animated by the great principle that to the people belongs the duty of protecting the State, and full armed against both the destructive theories of Executive intervention and Congressional intervention, it will and must go forth to conquer. We must move for self-preservation. It is a case of life and death to the Democratic party."

—The *Chicago Herald* says: "We do not hesitate to acknowledge that the Democratic party in this State is at present in a condition by no means enviable."

—The American party of St. Louis have nominated Edward Wyman for Mayor. Mr. Wyman is a school teacher, and a native of Charleston, Mass.

—The Hon. J. F. Bell, the Opposition candidate for Governor in Kentucky, commenced the campaign by taking the stump at Starford on the 14th inst. A correspondent of the *Louisville Journal* gives his position on the Cuba question thus:

He was in favor of the acquisition of Cuba upon fair and equal terms, but opposed to its acquisition if we had to use force or fraud to accomplish it. He was opposed to putting thirty millions of dollars in the hands of the President for the purpose of tampering with Spain, and scorned and scouted the idea of giving the President the war-making power, which he believed to be the right of Congress.

He believed that to attempt the acquisition of Cuba by the use of force or fraud, would be a dishonorable negotiation, would involve us in a disastrous war with foreign powers.

—The Washington correspondent of the *Philadelphia Ledger* says that Mr. Finn, the Navy agent, has received a letter from Mr. J. Gladstone Jones, who says in relation to the charges of his having acted as agent for the late Reading Forge Company, that: "In the course of five years the Reading Forge Company paid me fees for services from two hundred to four hundred dollars, which is all that I ever received. I never made contracts for them with any man living—all contracts of theirs have been gotten (as I suppose), by their being the lowest bidders. I recommended them to every one as a good Company, and advised them having work to be done, to invite their proposals at least. I never went beyond this. Some of the Company told me, some time ago, they were willing to pay for the expense of getting contracts, but never pretended to offer me a price—they were honorable men and would not do it."

—The *Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser* sounds the keynote for the Congressional conflict in that district. The contest will be between Know-Nothingism and Southern Rights Democracy, and in such a contest the *Advertiser's* candidate must be of Democracy irreproachable, and of Southern Rights undoubted by "rising ground," or any other "ism." What is "rising ground" ism?

—The *Whiting (Va.) Intelligencer* recommends this sentence from *The Missouri Democrat*: "That the old policy of shouting nigger louder than the National Democrats, is a hopeless undertaking," as applicable in the issue between Letcher and Goggin.

—It is all stuff for Goggin, or anybody else, to try to persuade the people of the State that the first of Democracy are not such on the fingers. We would not give the loss of a copper for a victory won by the Opposition upon the issue which is now being made out of the Blue Ridge. We do not wish a victory which, so far as the best interests of Western Virginia are concerned, would be just as disastrous as a defeat can possibly be. Servility to the nigger interest is this day being made the measure of a citizen's fitness to be the Executive of this State. We contend that such an issue, such a test, is degrading to any man's self-respect, and demeaning to the whole glorious idea of an independent franchise."

## CONNECTICUT POLITICS.

Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune.

SAFETY, Conn., March 21, 1859.

A disagreeable scene was witnessed on the railroad train which left New Haven at 4:00 on Saturday afternoon. Some sixty freshmen were returning to New-Haven from Bridgeport, where they had been Americanized under the auspices of Messrs. Winslow and Booth, Sheriff Van Zandt, and Superintendent Hoyt. Stimulated by new love for the party in general and the candidates in particular, and infuriated by rum, they raved and cursed and fought like madmen, smashed the car windows, frightened the ladies, and exhibited a traveling panorama of a Tammany Hall row. The Sheriff, who is "one of 'em," was unable or unwilling to restrain them; the employees of the road were powerless, or perhaps forbidden to interfere; and so pandemonium was let loose upon the unhappy passengers. Some of the miscreants were taken from the cars at Norwalk, half naked and covered with blood.

These voters are manufactured for the coming election. It is commonly reported that Superintendent Hoyt is freely abusing his official position in the giving of free passes or distributing tickets to Democratic voters. The managers of the New-Haven Railroad will do well to inquire into this matter.

ASTONISHING FEAT AT NIAGARA.

WALKING THE WHIRLPOOL UNDER FOOT!

Since the fatal leap of the famous Sam Patch, no feat of daring has equalled the one recently accomplished at Niagara, by Andrew Greenleaf of Connecticut. A correspondent gives the following graphic account:

"One evening, about a week ago, while sitting in the saloon of the International Hotel, I became interested in an anecdotal conversation which was in progress between two persons, of whom one seemed to be a Southerner and the other a Northerner. The latter had a Southern accent, and was a young man, and I have since learned that he was really a Yankee boy; that he was born and raised near Stonington, Connecticut, and dubbed by his affectionate parents, Andrew Greenleaf. As he grew older, he was afflicted with epilepsy, and his family, who were very kind and